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The Honorable John McMahon Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear John:

Since returning to Brookings I have quietly noted the Agency's contribution to better business-government understanding by your presentations to Brookings Business programs. As you're aware, the Agency hospitality began years ago on my urging and Red White's receiptivity. Ergo, my inquisitive check on feed-back and an extensive survey of evaluations.

The sessions at CIA are held in unusual high esteem by the participants in their evaluations. Moreover, after what is usually a fairly direct exposure to policy and decision processes in Washington, and visits to Executive and Legislative leaders, the participants appear to become frustrated by the complexity of the process and its pluralistic uneveness. Thus when they visit CIA they register delight on finding outstanding talent, commitment, and sense of mission. They come away on a high. "There is one place in Washington that is well structured, mission and outcome oriented and well serving the taxpayer--CIA." However, the absence of any material negatives one should expect in post mortems-and, indeed, are found in most other aspects of the Brookings programs - suggest an A+ for a job well done by our colleagues who lead these programs during their visits to CIA.

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